

## Daniel F. Godfrey

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**From:** Robert Reeves  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2017 5:58 AM  
**To:** Daniel F. Godfrey  
**Cc:** Tom Hansen; Michael Nogajewski  
**Subject:** Unintentional Discharge

TO: Chief Godfrey

FROM: Ofc. Reeves #66

DATE: 10 Aug 17

RE: Unintentional Firearm Discharge

Chief Godfrey:

On the morning of Thursday August 10 I took a personal relief at the range. While at the range I realized that I had not drawn or handled my duty weapon for more than six months. To remedy that I ejected the magazine from the weapon, cleared the round from the chamber in the designated receptacle and placed both on the table in the cleaning room. I returned the unloaded weapon to its holster and stepped into the outer room.

In the outer room I faced the "taser target" and drew and reholstered the weapon several times. The weapon felt light without the magazine and I replaced it in the weapon. I resumed the practice and did a trigger pull where nothing occurred. In the next careless moment I charged the slide and on the next draw and fire a round discharged, striking the "taser target" in center mass. The round damaged said target and the wall behind it.

I collected the expended round and fragments of the round that I could find and placed them in an evidence bag. I then contacted Lt. Hansen, gave him the evidence bag and explained what had occurred, resulting in this email.

I acknowledge my negligence and unsafe actions. No injury occurred in the act, and the observable damage to departmental facilities is described above.

Ofc. Reeves #66



8/10/17  
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Officer Reeves,

In accordance with "Section 5.5: Pre-discipline Meeting" of the Bargaining Agreement between the Illinois FOP Labor Council and the Village of Bedford Park (Patrol Officers and Sergeants) you are afforded the opportunity to meet with the Chief of Police prior to the issuance of discipline that may result in Suspension or Discharge. In this meeting you will be given notice of the charge(s) giving rise to the contemplated action as well as an explanation of the evidence giving rise to the charges. In the event that you wish to have this meeting and be heard on pending charges, you shall be permitted to have a Labor Council representative present at said meeting.

Although the investigation into your actions are not concluded and are on-going, the initial charges against you will include, but are not limited to the following:

- 1) Violation of Policy 306: Firearms, Section 5: Safe Handling, Inspection and Storage, Paragraph (a)
- 2) Violation of Policy 306: Firearms, Section 5: Safe Handling, Inspection and Storage, Paragraph (b)
- 3) Violation of Policy 321: Conduct, Section 5: Causes for Discipline, Paragraph 9: Conduct: (i)
- 4) Violation of Policy 321: Conduct, Section 5: Causes for Discipline, Paragraph 10: Safety: (a)
- 5) Violation of Policy 321: Conduct, Section 5: Causes for Discipline, Paragraph 10: Safety: (d)

Advise me of which of the three following dates and times you wish to have the Pre-Disciplinary Meeting: August 21<sup>st</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> at 0900, 1000 or 1300 hours.

TO: Officer Robert Reeves

From: Chief Daniel Godfrey

Date: 08/23/2017

CC: Personnel File, Lt. Lettiere, Sgt. Nogajewski

RE: Discipline Hearing

Per the agreed upon decision at the Pre-discipline Hearing on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 1000 hrs., you will receive an 8 hour Suspension from duty as assigned by Lt. Lettiere and be scheduled at the earliest opportunity for a Gun Safety Training refresher class with a department range officer.

The Gun Safety training will include a review of the following Policies and as well as gun safety and safety procedures.

- 1) Violation of Policy 306: Firearms, Section 5: Safe Handling, Inspection and Storage, Paragraph (a)
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- 3) Violation of Policy 321: Conduct, Section 5: Causes for Discipline, Paragraph 9: Conduct: (i)
- 4) Violation of Policy 321: Conduct, Section 5: Causes for Discipline, Paragraph 10: Safety: (a)
- 5) Violation of Policy 321: Conduct, Section 5: Causes for Discipline, Paragraph 10: Safety: (d)